

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18 and 20-109 are pending. No new mater has been added by way of the present amendment. For example, new claim 109 is supported by originally filed claim 2. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Office of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 109 has been added.